

I am writing to protest the kind of power and authority that a single broadcast network, such as Sinclair Broadcasting, can accumulate through consolidation of media outlets. The unfair use of its influence is reflected in that company's decision to promote an unfavorable portrait of John Kerry.

Sinclair has not paid the people for its use of the airwaves. It has an obligation to behave in a manner that reflects the diversity of opinion in the country. When companies gain access to a substantial audience in the country, the people are subjected to a diminishing degree of diversity in opinion, and the republic's commitment to its democratic ideal diminishes.

Sinclair Broadcasting group has demonstrated why we need to enhance rules that govern ownership of media outlets. America is looking to you for leadership in this situation.